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Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 11:50 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: In Support of RI Promise (Article 1 Sec 15 and 2021 H 5524)

Dear Chairman Abney and members of the House Committee on Finance:

I am a current Promise Scholar. I am writing in support of Rhode Island Promise at CCRI and urge this committee to vote in favor of making the program permanent. The cost of college is simply too expensive for many Rhode Island families. Providing two years free tuition at CCRI will provide thousands of young Rhode Islanders the opportunity to earn their degree without the crippling debt associated with college.

As a student, I have hope to continue my education and enter the workforce as a vital and active contributor to Rhode Island's economy. Especially now, CCRI's graduates will bring economic development and drive our state's recovery. I believe it is a good education policy and a smart economic development policy, and I can personally attest, I've benefitted from it.

For these reasons, I ask that you support making the program permanent and give thousands of Rhode Island students like me as well as their families the security knowing a college education can be a reality.

Hello, my name is Paige and being able to have my promise scholarship has been very helpful. With just my mom and I at home money can be tight. So having the extra funds allowed me to afford the books and school supplies necessary for successful semesters. I would just like to say that without this scholarship I would not be anywhere near where I am. I am only a sophomore but I am about to graduate with my associates and have a job in my field learning so much.

Sincerely,

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